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THANKS A MILLION
Joyce's tireless work
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A HARD ACT TO FOLLOW

... but new award ensures spirit of charity champion will carry on

MUCH loved champion fund raiser, the late Joyce Long, has been given a posthumous lifetime achievement award by the hospital she collected more than £1.5m for.

Southend Hospital is also naming that award in her memory, with the Joyce Long Fundraising Achievement Award going to future outstanding charitable efforts.

Joyce's daughter Angela Alden received the posthumous award on behalf of her mother at the third annual volunteer achievement awards last Wednesday, June 8. Joyce died last December.

Joyce, who received an MBE for her charity work, was famous for her garden sales, which raked in the cash for a whole list of hospital appeals, including the leukaemia

unit appeal, bosom pals appeal and keyhole cancer appeal.

She helped generate the funds for Southend's first eye laser machine, a CT scanner and MRI scanner. Many pieces of much-needed equipment for individual wards and departments were also bought.

Roger Bassett, 74, Thorpe Bay, is the first winner of the new award.

He is chairman of CADGERS, the urological cancer support

group, which recently donated £7,372 to buy a new treatment couch for the hospital's new Brachytherapy Suite.

Roger is also as a volunteer at the Macmillan Cancer Information and Support Centre, a centre which he helped to create.

At the ceremony, at Saxon Hall, Aviation Way, Southend, more than 140 volunteers were thanked for their hard work.

The awards were presented by hospital chairman Alan Tobias and chief executive Sue Hard.

Mr Tobias told volunteers: "You just cannot put a price on what you do - this hospital couldn't function without you."

● To find out about becoming a volunteer, contact Jane O'Connell on 01702 435555 or email volunteers@southend.nhs.uk

OTHER VOLUNTEER AWARD WINNERS

► Sandra Lowe, 66, Westcliff, Best Newcomer Award

► Marilyn Glass, 65, Shoebury, Feeding Buddy

► Anthony Burton, 79, Westcliff, Unsung Hero Award

► Bob Smith, 78, Leigh, and John Rodgers, 79, Southend, Chairman's Award

► Dementia Befrienders, Group Award Trophy

LONG SERVICE AWARDS

► Clive Seldon, 76, Shoebury, Carecars driver

► Ronnie Emery, 71, Thundersley, fundraising and charity shop

► Gina Stenhouse, 79, Shoebury, breast unit

► Angela Mason, Leigh, chemotherapy unit

► Barry Nichols, 73, Westcliff, radiotherapy/rehab

► Barbara Tuff, 78, Shoebury, eye unit

► Sheila Ditton, 81, Thorpe Bay, blood clinic

► Teresa Gabbitts, urology outpatients

► Pam Law, 78, Southend, urology outpatient

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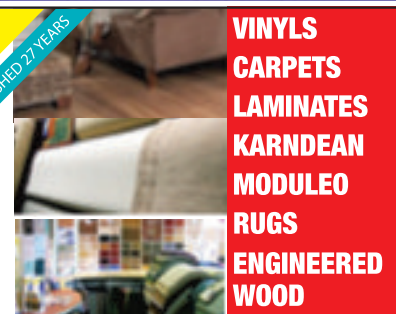
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TripAdvisor thumbs up

TWO Southend beaches have won TripAdvisor Certificates of Excellence.

Westcliff and Shoebury East Beaches both earned their accolades thanks to consistently great reviews on the travel site.

Most visitors who give their comments, rate the destinations as 'excellent' or 'very good'.

Ann Holland, Southend executive councillor for culture, tourism and the economy, said: "All our seven beaches hold Seaside Awards from Keep Britain Tidy, and three of them have also been given international Blue Flag awards."

"We are proud of our beach-



AN IDEAL DAY OUT Westcliff beach

es, so it is especially exciting to have our views and those of Keep Britain Tidy judges, endorsed by visitors who are independently giving their unsolicited opinions.

"They haven't just gone home

after a good day out in Southend and praised our borough to friends, and family. They have also taken the trouble to write down their thoughts and share them online with millions of others."

The Certificate of Excellence accounts for the quality and quantity of reviews submitted over a 12-month period.

To qualify, a business must maintain an overall TripAdvisor 'bubble' rating of at least

four out of five, have a minimum number of reviews and must have been listed on TripAdvisor for at least 12 months.

TripAdvisor comments about Westcliff Beach included:

"Great photo ops, superb view of the River Thames emptying into the English Channel, plus views of Kent, the GREAT Southend-on-Sea Pier (longest in the world), and loads of great places to eat with views out to the water."

TripAdvisor comments about Shoebury East Beach included:

"Lovely sandy beach stretching for miles... great walks and paddling. Toilets and a cafe also available..."

NEWS IN BRIEF

● **SOUTHEND Pier** has been closed for emergency repairs after cracks on the pile caps were found. It could stay shut for a week until repairs are completed. The closure coincides with the visit of tall ship Mercedes, which had planned to run three-hour cruises from the pier. Events due to be held on the pier in the coming days are in now being reviewed by the emergency services.

● **SOUTHEND Post Office's High Street branch** won the 2016 'best branch' award at the Post Office Network Sales Awards. The awards ceremony was held in London on June 4 and hosted by TV presenter Anita Rhani. Linda Skinner, Southend branch manager said: "We're really proud of our achievements. We all work hard to give our customers a great service."

● **A GROUP of kids and their parents and carers** enjoyed water-themed rhymes and stories to mark World Book Start week last Wednesday, at Southend library. The tots were given a copy of the book 'A Hole at the Bottom of the Sea' to take home. Bookstart offers free books to children at two key stages before they start primary school.

● **PUPILS from West Leigh Infant and Junior School** celebrated the Queen's 90th Birthday by dancing the Charleston, famous during the decade that the Queen was born. All 870 pupils performed their dance then sang Happy Birthday to the Queen and the National Anthem.

'We'll fight them on the beaches...'

A BEACH in Southend was treated to a spring clean this week to mark National Volunteer Week.

A small army of residents and school children attacked East Shoebury beach with shovels and rubbish sacks and collected 14 bags of litter – much of it small plastic items.

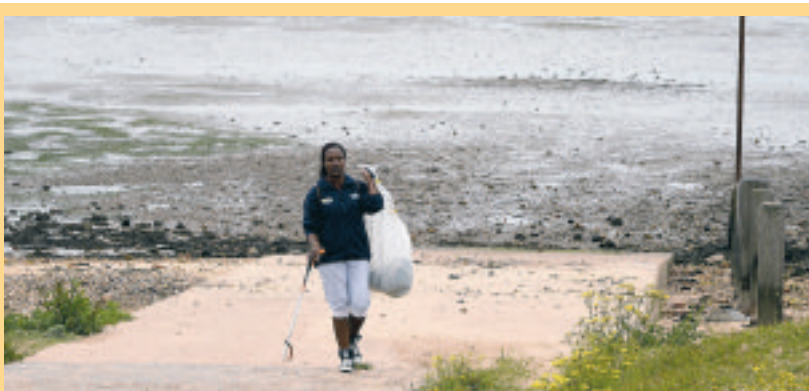
SAVS (Southend Association of Voluntary Services), joined forces with Beachcare and Rivercare for the "Big Beach Bonanza", a Keep Britain Tidy Project, which included activities such as seaweed searches and eggbox hunts plus talks on marine life.

Emily Middlemast, SAVS vol-

unteer centre coordinator, said: "The Big Beach Bonanza was a great way to celebrate volunteering, and make a big difference at the same time."

Robert Martyr, Rivercare and Beachcare project officer for eastern England, added: "Volunteer days are always fun, full of camaraderie and inspiring. Without volunteers there would be no Beachcare and the local environment would suffer."

This year, Volunteers Week was extended for four days so that the end would coincide with Patrons Lunch on June 12 – a celebration of Her Majesty's lifetime of service to more than 600 charities and organisations.



PROUD (top) A volunteer gets stuck in; **(above)** pupils from Sacred Heart school, Southchurch; **(above right)** Jo Dear, Matthew Gleaves and Simon Probert say goodbye to bad rubbish

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NEWS

Restaurateur fined £60,000 for food safety failures



A RESTAURANT owner faces fines and costs of almost £60,000 after admitting a series of food safety failures.

Old Vienna Restaurant proprietor, Water Haiser, 76, of Woodlands Park, Leigh, pleaded guilty to 13 charges, plus 13 against his company Friern Leasing Ltd at Southend Magistrates' Court on Wednesday, June 8,



FAIL: Pork roll and party food left uncovered and unrefrigerated all afternoon to be re-served in the evening

Southend Council prosecuted Mr Haiser after uncovering a series of food safety breaches at his restaurant in Eastwood Road, Leigh. The offences included unsatisfactory food hygiene practices and conditions at the premises, selling unfit food, failing to comply with improvement notices issued by environmental health officers, and obstruction – where Mr Haiser did not give essential information to the council despite repeated requests.

He was fined £11,760 and Friern Leasing Ltd fined £45,000. He was also ordered to pay £2,920 costs, and he and his company must also pay a victim surcharge totalling £271.

The Old Vienna's food safety rating sank from one to zero. This is the lowest possible rating, and means that urgent major improvements are needed.

Problems began when officers carrying out routine inspections spotted serious hygiene and food preparation flaws.

They advised Mr Haiser how to address these but when they inspected the restaurant again there was no

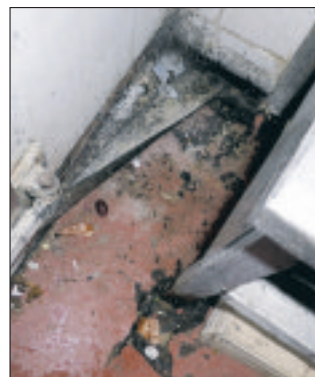
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BREACH: Left, cooked duck left out uncovered and unrefrigerated all afternoon. Above, kitchen floor peeling with congealed dirt

change so they served improvement notices on him. These required him to take specific action to make sure he complied with food hygiene legislation. He failed to do so and was prosecuted.

Magistrates heard that the premises were not kept clean and hygienic, and there were not adequate controls in place to make sure that food prepared, cooked, cooled, stored and served to customers was safe for consumption.

Some food items were found to be unfit.

There were also extensive structural repair matters. These kept deteriorating because maintenance problems were not tackled in time to stop them getting worse.

Mark Flewitt, Southend Council's executive councillor for housing, planning and public protection services, said: "We had to take this action to protect public health and make sure that the food hygiene regulations would be complied with in future. Friern Leasing Limited and Mr Haiser had been failing to do this for a long time."

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Dedicated inspector wins prestigious police medal Queen's salute for our Mr Southend

A LONG-serving Southend officer has been awarded the Queen's Police Medal (QPM) in the Queen's Birthday Honours list.

Inspector Potter became a police officer in 1986 and joined Essex Police in 1998. He is currently a Neighbourhood Inspector in Southend.

He said: "I am genuinely astonished that I have been rewarded for doing something that I have loved doing for 30 years, but equally I am humbled and privileged to have been recognised in this way."

"This really is the most astonishing thing to have happened to me in my entire Police service. I am truly honoured."

Inspector Potter has coordinated many high profile incidents in his career, but said that it is in his role as Town Policing Sergeant – and subsequently Southend District Community Inspector – that he has had some of his most challenging yet worthwhile times.

"I have met some really dedicated people within the community and I have had the pleasure of working with some really professional and conscientious colleagues," he said. "Not just within the Police Ser-



ASTONISHED Inspector Potter gets lifetime award

vice, but also with external partners and members of the voluntary sector."

Chief Constable Stephen Kavanagh said: "On behalf of his colleagues and the whole county, I want to give my wholehearted congratulations to Bill on this magnificent and prestigious achievement."

"He is the epitome of caring and conscientious policing and not for nothing that he is known as Mr Southend."

"Bill's career has been a

model of public service and Her Majesty's award recognises his service, the confidence the public have in him, and the professional standard and personal inspiration Bill sets for his team."

Chief Superintendent Luke Collison added: "Bill cares immeasurably about the quality of policing in Southend and is a very familiar face in the local community. He has a true passion for managing and coordinating effective partnership approaches to tackling some of the most demanding challenges in the local area."

"The QPM recognises the outstanding contribution that he makes every day. It makes me feel incredibly proud as his LPA Commander."

Cllr John Lamb, Leader of Southend Council, said: "Bill is a respected officer who has provided excellent service to the community over a number of years, working with many of us on a number of partnership projects. Well done, Bill – this is very well deserved."

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Street nothings



THIS year's Southend half marathon had a romantic ending when an exhausted runner proposed to his girlfriend (above).

Paul Davison, 43, went down on a sore knee to ask Sarah Fletcher, 42, to be his wife just before they reached the finishing tape, where Paul had placed his proposal banner.

Sarah, who accepted, said, "I had no idea - I thought we were waiting till we got married."

Another gallant gesture was made by the 'Dan Knight Warriors', running for terminally ill Havens patient Dan Knight. They were led by Dan's wife, Sarah. "I feel so appreciative of Havens Hospices and all the care they give to Dan,"

she said. "Running the half marathon is the least I can do to pay back their kindness."

Around 2,000 runners took part in the 13-mile run along Southend's coastline, starting at Shoeburyness East Beach. The event aimed to raise £100,000 for Havens Hospices.

First to cross the finish line was Jack Parslow, followed by Paul Whittaker and Rob Laing. The first three women to finish were Rachel Doherty, Emma Patel and Heather Wilson.

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SAFE HAVEN The 11 Dan Knight Warriors, ran for Dan Knight, above right, with wife Sarah, daughter Eloisa and Havens nurse Kim Littlejohns



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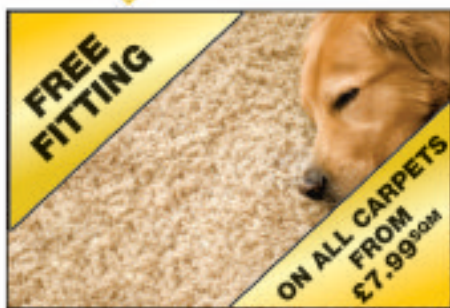
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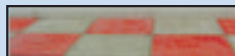
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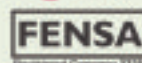
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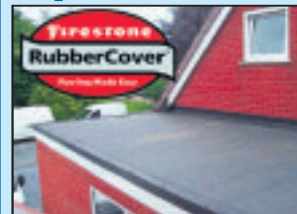
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Ball is in residents' court

JUST a polite reminder that if you have received and not yet returned your representation form to the Castle Point Borough planning office, the closing date is Thursday, June 30.

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As you most probably know on completion of the consultation the new plan will be submitted to the Planning Inspectorate.

As deemed appropriate this plan needs support from residents and valid representations on its content. Without sufficient support the plan could well be taken over in its entirety by the Planning Inspectorate which may well see large areas of the borough's green belt reinstated into the plan.

The ball really is in your court.

As a footnote and you may not be fully aware of this scenario, Castle Point residents are still awaiting the SOS's appeal decision to the building of 265 new dwellings on virgin green belt on the farm in Jotmans Lane. This appeal was submitted by the developers Persimmon last summer.

With Jotmans Farm now having been taken out of the New Local Plan this could well cause many thousands of interested residents some concern to the appeal's final outcome. A development not wanted by our MP, majority of the borough's councillors and thousands of Castle Point residents.

**Mr T Smith
Benfleet**

Focus on the critical issues regarding EU

I HAVE read with interest the recent spate of letters concerning the forthcoming referendum.

Perhaps K Knight's letter (YA, June 10) enjoys most value.

Clearly, both government and the remain camp, have carried out a blitz of misrepresentation and in far too many cases, told outright untruths. Which in itself, is an abuse of true democratic process.

The average voter simply cannot understand the fairly complex and interactive topics of economics, global diplomacy,

I would suggest Mr and Mrs Average simply focus on the following core and critical issues:

1. The EU, far from being a trading block (As Edward Heath seriously misrepresented in 1973) was from the original 1957 Treaty of Rome, aimed at creating one federal

state, wherein all member states would completely surrender their sovereignty and ability to pass and enforce their own laws; adjust taxation according to essential need; operate only a single, federal system of government; have one federal military (navy, air force and army) and one federal legal system.

Already, creeping federalism has overridden UK laws making it impossible for Britain to expel criminals, serial rapists and murderers.

2. Fortunately, Britain resisted joining the Schengen Agreement on open borders; thank goodness for that small mercy. However, Britain's actual control of its borders, is much reduced thanks to EU laws.

3. The EU is a corrupt bloated bureaucracy, which grows weekly: its accounts are so suspect, no one is prepared to audit them as "clean" and has not for over 20 years. What does this tell you?

4. The EU calls itself "democratic": however, the commissioners have absolute power to make whatever decisions on policy they desire; they are "unelected and unaccountable".

They are selected on party political grounds, only; competence and real ability are not part of this "Buggin's turn" abuse of power.

5. The trade deficit with the EU widened, yet again, to £23.8 billion for the past three months: in other words, EU states export to Britain £23.8bn more than we export to them!

Britain simply cannot afford to continue this charade: (Source: Office of National Statistics, just released).

6. Immigration from Eastern European states to Britain for work, simply means employers earn much more profit, but simultaneously, depress average wage rates and accordingly, lower the standard of living for the majority. Did you know, for example, one in three residents of Wisbech in Cambridgeshire is now Polish?

7. Britain's social security system is demand-based; in other words, when and where people require financial support, they simply have to apply: whereas in the rest of Europe, mainly, it is contributions-based: no pay in-no draw out. Britain offers a much wider range of social security benefits than the majority of other EU members, and at higher rates in many cases. No wonder EU immigrants are attracted to Britain.

We suffer a housing crisis; an NHS crisis; an education crisis; why should we destroy our essential services (which we have all paid for through taxes over many years) to benefit others?

Finally, take no notice whatsoever of the empty threats and dire warnings coming from the desperate remainers:

Britain leaving would be followed by a rash of demands for referenda from many other unhappy EU states.

Most important of all, reform of the EU (which is urgently needed), could only come from Britain voting to leave and then perhaps, negotiating from a position of strength, to achieve the original benefits of membership, without the bloated egotistic political bureaucracy determined to preserve its own position of self-serving and incompetence.

If you truly love your country, than you cannot vote any other way than "out".

**Michael C Feltham
FFA/FIPA, FFTA
Shoeburyness**

■ AFTER his threats of World War Three on Brexit backfired on him we now have David Cameron threatening that pensions will suffer should we vote to leave the EU. He is saying that he can not guarantee the so-called "triple lock" outside the EU.

It has not exactly helped pensions by being in the EU with many having seen the value of the funds drop significantly and some lose these vital benefits all together, even though they had contributed for many years towards them.

Governments argue that the ever rising retirement age is due to us all living longer but in many cases it owes more to the pensioners being too poor to retire at an earlier age.

Over the years we have seen numerous "raids" on pension pots by governments desperate for money to finance the latest EU "brainwave" or "bailout", most recently one by George Osborne which was prevented at the last minute.

It is a fact that these "raids" are often due to the poorly thought out currency of the euro and all the problems this has caused, particularly around the southern European area and although the UK is not, thankfully, in the Eurozone it has still been calculated that our government contributes around £700 for every person in the UK towards the costs of the Euro "bailouts", and more is due to be handed over in July (source: Europe of Freedom and Democracy leaflet).

The evidence would suggest that there is no more danger to pensions by leaving the EU than shares in nuclear bunker firms rising through the roof due to high demand on Brexit.

**Mark Ellis
Essex County Councillor for
Laindon Park & Fryerns**

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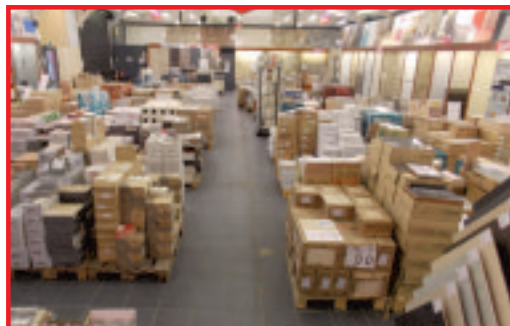


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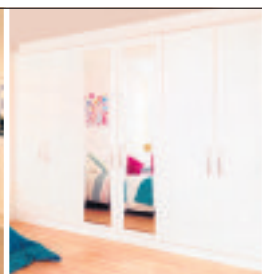
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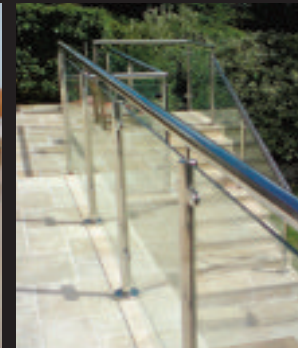
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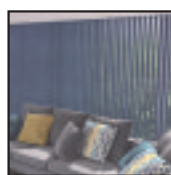
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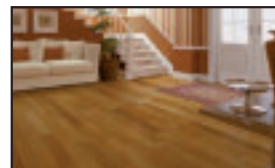
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By Liz Wade

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TOWNGATE Theatre will be the place to see two unmissable shows this summer both of which offer plenty of adult humour and entertainment.

First at the Basildon theatre on Wednesday, June 29, will be Dirty Dusting, starring television's Crissy Rock, which is making a welcome return to the stage following a sell-out tour last year.

Gladys, Elsie and Olive are three mature cleaning ladies, who are about to be "put out to pasture" by their office boss Dave.

Feeling they have little chance of gaining employment elsewhere, the ladies look at ways to boost their falling income. So, when someone rings into their office requiring an adult chat line, the chance wrong number gives the trio a great idea to set up The Telephone Belles hotline.

The ladies believe that their age and appearance will not matter on the telephone, providing they can keep this a secret from their boss, but things do not go entirely according to plan.

This is a heart warming comedy, starring Chrissy Rock from TV series Benidorm and I'm A Celebrity...Get Me Out of Here!, as well as comedienne and actress

Leah Bell, who also directs the show.

The production, written by Ed Waugh and Trevor Wood, also stars stage and television actress Dolores Porretta Brown and introduces Lee Brannigan as Dave.

Leah Bell injects this hilarious play with a fresh and lively approach coupled with her own style, offering audiences an

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On Friday, August 26, Fifty Shades of Burlesque will take to the stage at Towngate Theatre, to celebrate the beauty and art of burlesque, as well as good old fashioned variety.

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Christian Lee

pere,
Ivy Page,

as well as burlesque superstar, Polly Rae, the entertainment is not suitable for the easily offended.

While Ivy Paige is a cabaret star in her own right, Polly Rae has toured the world with her stunning act of burlesque and cabaret and is famed for bringing burlesque to London's West End in the acclaimed The Hurly Burly Show with William Bakker.

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Who're you gonna call?

THE CONJURING 2 (15, 134 mins)

DIRECTED by James Wan, one of the twisted geniuses responsible for the Saw franchise, the 2013 supernatural horror The Conjuring was one of the surprise hits of the year.

This sequel, with Wan back in the director's chair, draws inspiration from the notorious real-life case of the Enfield poltergeist, which sent shivers down the spine in the late 1970s.

Paranormal investigators Ed and Lorraine Warren (Patrick Wilson and Vera Farmiga) have gone into self-imposed exile to recover – emotionally and spiritually – from their first brush with malevolent spirits. They are compelled to return to active duty by terrified single mother Peggy Hodgson (Frances O'Connor), who claims that her house in north London is in the grip of a dark, invisible force.

The Warrens travel to England and meet Peggy and her four daughters, who are clearly spooked by events in their home.

When youngest child Janet (Madison Wolfe) shows the unmistakable signs of demonic possession, Ed and Lorraine prepare for battle for the family's souls and consequently, they become the targets for the malicious spirit's fury.

Released: June 13

GODS OF EGYPT (12A, 127 mins)

SWORDS, sandals and silliness are in abundance in Alex Proyas' lumbering fantasy adventure, set in a sprawling ancient Egypt in which shape-shifting gods live side by side with awestruck mortals.

According to a laconic voiceover, the

deities are easily identifiable because they are taller and have "gold running through their veins".

Alas, there is no gold – fool's or otherwise – running through Matt Sazama and Burk Sharpless' uneven script, which is heavy on the muscle-flexing and sibling rivalry and light on everything that matters; coherent plotting, characterisation, dramatic momentum or emotional depth.

The tone is wildly uneven, careening between bombastic computer-generated spectacle, bickering romance and mismatched buddy comedy.

Even the digital trickery can't find its groove.

A chariot sequence is hilariously shoddy in its execution, special effects don't gel with live action elements and director Proyas insists on choreographing every bruising fight sequence with swirling camerawork and excessive slow motion.

Gods Of Egypt is a morass of oiled pecs, male posturing and tiresome showdowns between exiled heroes and otherworldly creatures.

Gerard Butler chews scenery with a roaring Scottish accent like a man who hasn't eaten for months, while Nikolaj Coster-Waldau and Brenton Thwaites are bland and possess no palpable screen chemistry. During one of their awkward verbal jousts, Thwaites questions if his hunky co-star is being funny.

"You think I put any effort into trying to amuse you?" responds Coster-Waldau

Gods Of Egypt certainly doesn't muster any effort to entertain us.

Released: June 17
RATING: 4/10

Vaudeville gone volatile

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The show will be joined by magician, comedian and actor Christian Lee, who reached the semi-finals of this year's Britain's Got Talent, as well as the L'Sheila Sisters, who are new for 2016 and are burlesque's most exciting twin double act.

Bruce Airhead, a man with a 6ft balloon, will also be appearing with The Folly Mixtures – a burlesque quartet choreographed to thrill – who bring fantastic routines with themes drawn from around the world.

If that is not enough then Angie Sylvia, a Swedish siren trained in hip-hop, waacking and vogue at the Broadway Dance Centre, New York, will deliver a red-hot repertoire including Arabian Nights complete with fire eating.

Storm Hooper will perform her explosive,

show-stealing hula hoop routine, which defies the laws of gravity, leaving audiences in an old-school vaudeville spin, while Ella Boo, will delight with her balloon popping act based on her musical theatre roots.

Sarah Lou is Miss Ooh La Lou – a bit Britney, a bit Goldie Hawn – while Isabella Bliss will grace the stage with her own giant martini glass.

Michael, who describes Fifty Shades of Burlesque as "vaudeville gone volatile", adds: "It's the hottest, most provocative extravaganza ever to grace the stage."

For tickets to see Dirty Dusting on June 29, which is suitable for ages 16-plus, and further details to see Fifty Shades of Burlesque on August 26, which is strictly over-18s only, visit towngethetheatre.co.uk or call the box office on 01268 465 465.

Fancy this!

IF you are not sure what to do with dad this Father's Day then make the most of some of these events taking place, many of which offer free entry for the man himself.

Dads can enjoy free entry at a variety of places in the region on Sunday, June 19, including **Barleylands Farm** in Billericay (barleylands.co.uk/farm-park/).

All dads receive free entry into the farm park when they book their special ticket online and are accompanied by a paying child.

Dads also go free at **Lee Valley Farms** (lvfarms.co.uk), so enjoy the falconry displays, visit the dairy farm on Tex the Tractor, and tuck into a bacon sandwich or a hotdog with 50p off for dads.

Each father will receive an engine driver's hat on arrival at **Audley End Miniature Railway** (audley-end-railway.co.uk) on Sunday, June 19. Tickets, which cost £9, also include a train ride through the estate woodland, a chance to find the fairies and elves in the Enchanted Woodland Walk, and the opportunity to make a special Father's Day card along with other arts and crafts.

One of this year's **Visit the Vulcan Days** (avrovulcan.com) at London Southend Airport falls on Father's Day, making it the ideal place for a day out with the family as it costs just £4 for adults and is free for accompanied children under 16.

The Vulcan Restoration Trust

FATHER'S DAY VISIT: The Vulcan bomber at London Southend Airport



team will be on hand at the event, which runs from 10am to 4pm, to give guided tours of the Vulcan XL426 and for an additional fee of £3.50 per person you can climb inside the cockpit.

If you want to go further afield then try some of these venues.

National Trust's Claremont Landscape Garden (national-trust.org.uk/claremont-landscape-garden) will be offering free admission for dads on Father's Day when they are accompanied by their children.

The 18th century garden, once a duke's retreat and a playground for princesses, offers a green oasis in the heart of Surrey, within the M25.

An equally enchanting place to wander around is **The Savill Garden**, part of Windsor Great Park (windsorgreatpark.co.uk).

Discover 35 acres of interconnected gardens including the Hidden Gardens, Spring Wood and the Summer Gardens, and enjoy free entry for dads on Father's Day when visiting with the family, and free entry for children 16 and under.

Dads will also go free on Sunday, June 19 at **Howletts Wild Animal Park and Port Lympne Reserve** (aspinalfoundation.org), with any full paying adult or child day ticket, making it the perfect time to visit Kent's award-winning wild animal parks.

Fancy that!

WHAT do the stars of The X Factor, the neighbour's cat, EastEnders and unexpected callers have in common?

They are among the top 50 things that make UK dads grumpy, according to research commissioned by Merlin Annual Pass.

Lights left on in empty rooms, heating on too high, drum and bass music and being treated like a taxi service also feature on the chart of cantankerousness.

The poll, based on 1,000 UK dads, showed a third admitted they are always cranky, while another 73 per cent believe they are becoming more so as they get older. But it is not the privilege of old men – as dads are at their most grumpy at the age of 38.

It also found that leaving the lights on is most likely to make dads grumble, followed by bad drivers, traffic jams, not spending time with family because of work and general bad manners.

Their football team losing, cold callers in the evening, the children not helping with chores, the cost and planning involved in a family day trip and being treated like an ATM completed the top 10.

Nearly half of dads also believe a good night's sleep is often all it takes to bring an end to their grumpiness with another 25 per cent saying food helps.

A family day out, a nice gesture from a partner or children and a



cold beer or lager can also improve their mood.

To help you say goodbye to grumpy this summer, Merlin Annual Pass is currently running a big summer sale.

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■ For further information about the sale, which ends at 23.59pm on Thursday, June 30, visit merlinannualpass.co.uk. *£109 is based on the price per person when purchasing as part of a standard family pass (compared to the full price of £129 per person). Discounts are also available on standard individual passes, premium family passes and premium individual passes.



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Friday, June 17

- Counselling Service - The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.
- Overeaters Anonymous Basildon Group - Nevendon Community Hall, St Peter's Church, Church Lane, Basildon, SS13 1BZ. 8pm, Colin, 07446 080054.
- George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, beginners tai chi: 10am to noon, darts: 2-4pm, marquetry: 10 to noon, art: 12.30-2.30pm, snooker and bingo, £2, 01268 465854.
- Sequence Dancing - George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, 2.15-3.15pm, 01268 465854.
- Book Club - George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, 10-11am, 01268 465854.
- Drama Classes - Helen O'Grady Drama Academy, The Stables, Chalkwell Park Drive, Leigh, not a stage school, designed to increase children's life skills, to enrol call Dina 01245 328680.
- Table Tennis - Laindon Community Centre, Aston Road, off High Street, for over-50s, 11am-1pm, 07931 564105.
- Table Tennis - St Andrew's Church Hall, Church Road, Shoeburyness, 2-4pm, 01702 343462.
- Modern Sequence Tea Dance - St James's Church Hall, Elmsleigh Drive, Leigh, 1.45-3.45pm, details Henry 01702 343462.

Saturday, June 18

- Ballroom, Latin and Sequence - Runnymede Hall, 7.30 to 11pm. Details Ron 07748 707122.
- Saturday Club - for people with special needs, 9am to noon, games, music, arts, crafts. Ages 14 upwards, Frypa Hall, The Fryth, Basildon. 01268 415409.
- Counselling service - The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346,

enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.

- Yugioh Club - play and trade yugioh, 120 Southend Road, St Catherine's Church Hall, Wickford, SS11 8EB, mini-tournaments, 1.30-4.20pm, 07985 671289.
- Dads and Kids Club - The Megacentre, Rayleigh, 10.30am-1.30pm, free entry for ages five to 17 with their fathers and father figures. 01268 779100.
- Saturday Morning Club - St Michael's Church Hall, Leigh Road, 10am to noon, free entry, Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled. 01702 437863.
- Brush Strokes Art Group - Highlands Methodist Church, Leigh, 9.15am-12.15pm, 01277 627043.
- Different Strokes Exercise Class - St Peter's Church Hall, Eastbourne Grove, Southend, for stroke victims, 2.30pm. 01702 612509.
- Jazz workshop - Southend Jazz Co-op, Hadleigh old fire station, Hadleigh, 10am-1pm, £5 per session (concessions).

Sunday, June 19

- Canvey Miniature Railway Train Rides - by Waterside Sports Centre, Somnes Avenue, Canvey Island, SS8 9RA. Details 07950 659596.
- Ron Spack's Dinner Jazz - Westcliff Hotel, Westcliff, 12.30pm. 01702 345247.
- Sunday School - The Ark, Hadleigh Methodist Church, Chapel Lane, SS7 2PQ, 11am to noon, ages three to 10. Call 07585 601815 or 07967 913344.
- Quaker Meeting for silent worship and meditation - Quaker Meeting House, Dundonald Drive, Leigh-on-Sea, 10.30-11.30am, followed by conversation.
- King's Church, Southend - Blenheim School, off Blenheim Chase, Leigh, every Sunday, 10.30am to noon, 01702 523639.
- Greek Community of Southend & District, Church of St Barbara, St Phanourios and St Paul's, Salisbury Avenue, Westcliff, 10am to noon. 01702 466435.
- Sunday Club - TGH Evangelical Church, Kiln Road, Thundersley, (ages three to 12), Bible stories, craft, singing, 10.45-11.45am, no charge, details 01702 554904.
- Mojo Friendship Club - Travellers' Joy, Downhall Road, Rayleigh, details Mo 07757 658799.

Monday, June 20

- Played bowls before? Come and try it at FS&S Club, Gardiners Close, Basildon. All-weather green, free coaching, details call Chris 01268 419831.
- Green bowls - Mopsies Park, Vange, details 01268 558756.
- Games Club - St Clement's Church,

- The Broadway, Leigh-on-Sea. Scrabble, chess, rummikub, backgammon and lots more. 2pm-4pm. Tel 07884 148148.
- Ron Spack's Jazztet - Oakwood, Rayleigh Road, Eastwood, 8.30pm. 01702 512819.
- Coffee Morning - Christ Church, Wickford, 9am to noon. All welcome.
- Club 50+ - 1B Queens Road, Southend, 9.30am-3.30pm, daily, £2 day pass, details 01702 346863.
- Sunshine Coffee Morning - for parents in Craylands and Felmores area. Briscoe Community Centre, 9-11am, free workshop, coffee and creche. Call Dawn 07880 035968, or turn up.
- Dance class - usually six-week course, ballroom, Latin American, Ashingdon and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall. Info: 01702 546219/542349.
- Leigh Scrabble Club - 7-10pm. All standards. Wesley Hall, Leigh Broadway, Leigh-on-Sea. Just turn up or call Peter on 01268 727915.

- George Hurd Centre, Basildon, for the over-50s. Craft: 10am to noon, tai chi: whist 9.45am-12.30pm, 10am to noon, art: 12.30-2.30pm, choir: 2.30-4pm, indoor bowls: 2-4pm. £2, 01268 465854.
- Senior Citizens Club - Richmond Hall, Benfleet, 1.30-3.30pm.
- Counselling Service - The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.
- Over-50s Keep-fit Classes - Ferns Community Centre, Pat 01268 770294.
- Over-50s session - Megacentre Rayleigh, 7 Brook Road, Badminton and table tennis 2-4pm. £3.50 inc refreshments and equipment. 01268 773100.
- Activity Session for adults with special needs - 10am to noon. The Megacentre, Rayleigh, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, £1 per session, no charge for carers.
- Duplicate Bridge - Balmoral Bridge Club, Highlands Methodist Church, Olive Avenue, Leigh (opp Thames Drive), 1.15pm-4.30pm, call Vernon 01702 343611 or Tony 01702 520993.
- Duplicate Bridge - Thorpe Bay Bridge Club, 62 Southchurch Boulevard, Southend, all standards, 2-4.45pm (no partner needed), 7.30-10.30pm, call Danny 07843 771774.
- Weekly Craft Workshop - St Peter's Church Hall, Thundersley, Benfleet, 6-8pm, details Michelle 07730 582784.
- Basildon Players Amateur Dramatic Group - 8-10pm, James Hornsby High School, Leinster Road, Laindon, details Jeff 07913 426371, join@basildonplayers.co.uk.
- Zumba - Pitsea Day Centre Over-50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, 9.15-10am.

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- Beginners Computer Course - Pitsea Day Centre Over-50s, Northlands Pavement, Pitsea, 11am-1pm. 01268 465432.
- Short Mat Bowls Club in Hadleigh - welcomes new members. Canvey Short Mat Bowls Club, call Kevin 01268 792433.
- Short Mat Bowls - in Thundersley, beginners welcome, details 01268 779174.
- Indoor Short Mat Bowls - Prittlewell Bowls Club, Priory Park, Southend, Ray 01268 777666.
- Indoor Bowls - George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over-50s, Mon 2-4pm, 01268 465854.
- Whist - George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for over-50s, 10am to noon, details 01268 465854.
- Senior Citizens Club - Ghyllgrove Centre, Butneys, 1.30-3.30pm, 01268 293995.
- Pensioners stall - York Road Outdoor Market, Southend, 8am-2pm.
- Evening of clairvoyance - Room 2, Paddocks, Long Road, Canvey, 7.30pm, £3, all profits to local charities, healing available after service 9pm, 01268 691922.
- Development Healing Circle - Face Salon, Burdett Avenue, Westcliff, an understanding of spiritual healing and prayer, 8-9.30pm, 07879 004744.
- Fitness Walking - from Leigh Tennis Club, Highlands Boulevard, Leigh, 7.15-8.15pm, 01702 715509.
- Scrabble Club - Wesley Church Hall, Elm Road, Leigh Broadway, (opp police station), beginners welcome, no partner needed, 7-10pm, £3, call 01268 727915.
- Hadleigh Castle Townswomen's Guild - Appliance Hall, Old Fire Station, High Street, SS7 2PA, 1.30-3.30pm. Visitors £2.50.
- IT help sessions - Billericay Library, 10.30am - noon. Details 01277 624624.

Tuesday, June 21

- Magic: The Gathering Club - play and trade, beginners welcome, Laindon Community Centre, SS15 6NX, 6-10pm, email: BasildonMTG@hotmail.com.
- Parent and Toddler Messy Play Group - Buttercup Club, St Michael's and All Angels Church, Sir Walter Raleigh Drive, Rayleigh, 9.30am and 11am. 01702 712150.
- Alzheimer's Society Men's Motivational Group - call 01702 345156 or 343121.
- Anchor Folk Club - Brooke Williams, 7-9 Northview Drive, Westcliff, 8pm, £8, 01702 715111.
- Counselling service - The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.
- Yoga Class - Thorpedene Community Centre, Delaware Road, Shoeburyness, 7-8.30pm, £6, bring a blanket and yoga mat, ages 16-plus. 07961 314933.

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■ **Social Dance Class** – instruction, in ballroom, Latin American and sequence, 8.30-10.30pm, Ashington and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall. 01702 546219/542349.

■ **Table Tennis** – 7.30-10.30pm, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, £3.60 per session.

■ **Weekly Craft Group** – Oasis Coffee House, 189 Leigh Road, Leigh, 2.30-4pm. No charge. Emma 01702 471873.

■ **Social Dance** – 1.45pm, St Cedd's Church, Bridgewater Drive, Westcliff, Ballroom, sequence, Latin, 01702 618771.

■ **Scrabble Club** – Hockley Social Centre (rear of library), 6.30-10pm, first two visits free, 01702 205910.

■ **Evening of clairvoyance** – St Cecilia's Christian Spiritualist Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh, 7.15pm, £2, Details Pat 07708 692041.

■ **Folk Music** – The Hoy at Anchor Folk Club, Royal British Legion, 7/9 Northview Drive, Westcliff, Steve Tiltson, 8pm. 01702 715111.

■ **Willows Park Short Mat Bowls Club** requires new or experienced players – James Hornsby School, Laindon. First session free, call or text 07952 043456.

■ **Tea Dance** – Ashingdon Memorial Hall, Ashingdon Road, Rochford, ballroom, Latin and sequence, 2-4pm. 01702 584575.

■ **Ladies Fellowship** – Salvation Army in Hadleigh, 7.30pm, 50p per week or annual subscription, just come along or call 017002 551470.

■ **The Puffer's Club, Exercise Class** for people with breathing difficulties run by people with breathing difficulties, Ambleside Sports and Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, 12.45-2.30pm. 01702 610050/466827.

■ **Pathfinders Blind and Partially Sighted Group** – Fryerns Baptist Church, Whitmore Way, 9.30am-2pm.

■ **The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon**, for the over-50s, yoga: 10-11am, sit down yoga: 11.10-12.10, Keep fit: noon to 1pm, line dancing: 1.20-2.20pm, chess: 1.30-3.30pm, craft: 1.30-3.30pm. 01268 465854.

■ **Singles Social Group** – The Mews, Nelson Mews off Clarence Road car park, Southend, age 50-plus, 8pm. 07970 432994.

■ **Singles Friendship Club** for 50-plus – South Benfleet Social Club, 8.15pm, details Maureen 01268 692998.

■ **New and nearly new stall** – outside St Martin's Church, Town Centre, Basildon, (if wet in church foyer), 10am to noon.

■ **Table Top Sale** – Outpatients Foyer, Southend Hospital, 9.30am-3pm, Breathe

Easy Southend, helping support people with lung problems. 01702 258661.

■ **Bingo and Hoy** – Wick Community Centre, Wickford, 1.30-4pm, details John Clarke 01268 570575.

■ **Top Cats Social Club**, (Southend Mencap) – Castle View School, Meppel Avenue, Canvey, 7-9.45pm, for adults with learning disabilities age 25-plus, £2 per session, details 01702 341250.

■ **Tuesday Luncheon Club** – Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled, Avenue Baptist Church Hall, Milton Road, Westcliff, for people living alone or with their carers, details 01702 478691/525141/340617.

■ **Little Lunchers Activity Club** – St Michael's Church, Rayleigh, 11.45am-1.15pm.

■ **Vange Tots** – Vange Community Centre, Vange Hill Drive, Vange, 9.30-11.30am, admission £1, snack and drinks provided for all. 01268 498642.

■ **Shoebury Flagship** – Rainbow Children's Centre, Friars School, Constable Way, Shoeburyness, 1.30-3.30pm, health visiting team with advice and support for parents with babies and children up to five years old. 01702 577656.

Wednesday, June 22

■ **Belvedere Jazz & Music Club**: Andrew Linham Jazz Orchestra with vocalist Mark Stratford, 8pm, The Chichester Hotel, Rawreth, SS11 8UE. £12.50 on the door. Tel: 07850 607075.

■ **Hatha Yoga Class** – Leigh Community Centre, Leigh-on-Sea, 9.30-11am. 01702 552260.

■ **Sculpture, Stone Carving & Lettering** – Traditional tools and professional tuition. 8-10pm, Studio Workshop, West Road, Shoeburyness. Jim Davis 01702 292867.

■ **Southend Beating Bowel Cancer Support Group** – Nazareth House, London Road, Southend, 1.30-4.30pm, details Janet Wagstaff 01702 312959.

■ **Line dancing lessons** – 12.30-2.30pm, St Margaret's Church Hall, Lime Avenue, Leigh-on-Sea, SS9 3PA. 07948 108195.

■ **Counselling Service** – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call anytime and we will get back to you, 01702 524346, enquires@olivetreecentre.org.uk.

■ **The Concord Ladies Club** of Rayleigh – 1.30-3pm, Caley Hall, Crown Hill, Rayleigh, 01268 743240.

■ **Leigh Singles Social Club** – 45-65s, Bellini's, London Road, Leigh. leighsingles.co.uk.

■ **Activity Session** for children with special needs, aged five to 18, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh. Donation of £1 per session, siblings welcome.



ADVICE: Sally Tagg at the Planning Clinic

Tickets to Homebuilding & Renovating Show

TAKE property matters into your own hands at The Southern Homebuilding & Renovating Show, at Sandown Park, Surrey, on June 25 and 26.

The show, aimed at helping consumers succeed in their property ventures, features more than 220 exhibitors, 24 free masterclasses and 500 advice sessions on essential topics, from funding a remodelling project to implementing the latest intelligent security systems. With a step-by-step approach, the event is set to help put visitors' ideas into motion.

Resident property specialists will be on hand to discuss all building and renovating queries at the Advice Centre and leading companies will be presenting their latest ranges of services including architecture, design, finance and planning, and products such as kitchens, bathrooms, doors and windows, lighting, heating and ventilation.

The Underfloor Heating Store, the event's main sponsor and the UK's largest supplier of electric and water underfloor heating systems, will be showcasing what it does best and giving visitors to its stand the chance to

win a £1,000 voucher to buy products to create an energy-efficient home.

Get advice on building or renovating projects at the Planning Clinic, and head to the Ask the Experts zone for 15-minute consultations with professionals including director of content for Homebuilding & Renovating magazine and Real Homes magazine. Michael Holmes, and Homebuilding & Renovating magazine's self-build and plot finding expert David Snell.

For information and tickets to the show, which cost £8 in advance or £12 on the door, with children under 16 getting in for free, visit homebuilding-show.co.uk/surrey or call the ticket hotline on 0871 230 1086 (calls cost 10p per minute plus network extras).

To win one of 110 pairs of tickets, valid on either day of the show, just answer the following question.

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DOUBLE CROSSWORD

CRYPTIC CLUES
ACROSS

7. Hothead stands by flag from the Emerald Isle (5)
8. She is not herself in part (7)
9. Stumbled on something when on an outing? (7)
10. Put things right by sending me back to finish (5)
12. Beauty of contours seen in sweethearts (10)
15. Not the first worker on watch? (6-4)
18. Dug out returned material (5)
19. Make progress through a loan? (7)
21. Is there, an abstainer concludes (7)
22. Split when 100 resigned (5)

DOWN

1. Upset: halving diet given emphasis (10)
2. Construction I had made firm (5)
3. Shape of this vessel is in good order (4)
4. In the auction, theologian got something for horse (6)
5. Greek capitalist? (8)
6. Deserve to be cut off (7)
11. So tiny she'd be upset by deceit (10)
13. Call in badly torn decoration (8)
14. Notice a poisonous plant (7)
16. Harsh animal, we hear (6)
17. Also two points in the mountains (5)
20. Immorality has a strong grip! (4)

QUICK CLUES
ACROSS

7. Tooth (5)
8. Operation (7)
9. Unburden (7)
10. Shine (5)
12. Plant-life (10)
15. Add impurities (10)
18. Puckish (5)
19. Vigorous (7)
21. Rustic (7)
22. Compare (5)

DOWN

1. Merge (10)
2. Lament (5)
3. Unruly child (4)
4. Cadge (6)
5. Moving (8)
6. Advantage (7)
11. Very generous (10)
13. Knot (8)
14. Be enough (7)
16. Lessen (6)
17. Post (5)
20. Friend (4)

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ONE of Billericay's newest restaurants, Lo Monaco, will offer a packed menu of Mediterranean delights on Father's Day.

The restaurant, at 43 High Street has a special menu on Sunday, June 19, with two courses for £16.95 and three courses for just £19.95.

As you can enjoy one free child's meal with every four adults, it will be a value-for-money way to treat the family on Father's Day so call the restaurant to book your table.

Another fantastic offer, which can be enjoyed Sunday to Thursday (excluding Father's Day), until July 30 is 25 per cent off your food bill.

Throughout the year Lo Monaco offers some-

thing for everyone and a feast for all the family with a menu packed with meat, fish and vegetarian choices. There is a wide range of dishes to start, including bread and nibbles such as marinated olives and organic pizza bread with garlic and parsley, followed by a range of starters including scallops, Italian and Spanish platters, and soufflé au fromage - Roquefort cheese soufflé served with red wine and cinnamon sauce.

The main menu includes a fantastic range of fish and meat dishes such as sea bass, Dover sole, sirloin steak and foie gras - pan-fried fresh duck liver, served on rösti potatoes, with cooked pear red wine, cinnamon syrup and toasted organic brioche.

The restaurant's pasta and paella choices include spaghetti alla gamberi, tagliatelle al ragù napoletano, seafood paella and linguine allo scoglio, with fresh mussels, tiger prawns, calamari, garlic, cherry tomatoes and sea asparagus. Seafood and classic ravioli are also available to enjoy as either a main course or starter.

For those looking for something lighter there are fresh salads to enjoy including Caesar, Greek and tuna, while for those wanting more there are a range of delightful desserts including chocolate fondant, strawberry cheesecake, cheese board, tiramisù, croquembouche - choux pastry balls filled with vanilla custard and served with hot lemon caramel or chocolate sauce - and chocolate marquise, a chocolate cake with white chocolate sauce and chocolate ice cream.

Take all the family with you and make the most of its children's menu, for younger diners under the age of 12, which costs just £7.50 and includes a choice of paella, penne pasta, pizza or chicken goujons, as well as a soft drink and a choice of ice cream.

The fully licensed restaurant, which is an ideal setting for a range of celebrations, has an extensive wine list, a selection of beers, spirits and soft drinks.

Lo Monaco is open for lunch from noon to 2.30pm, Monday to Saturday, and during the evening from 5.30pm to 10pm, from Monday to Thursday, and from 5.30pm to 11pm on Friday and Saturday.

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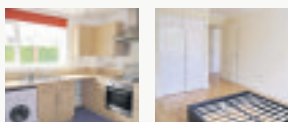
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The property consists of ground floor shop with a sales area to front and preparation area and refrigerator room to the rear. Stairs leading to first floor which would suit conversion to a flat (subject to planning permission, though granted in 2004). To the exterior there is a yard area with cold storage room and double garage with doors.



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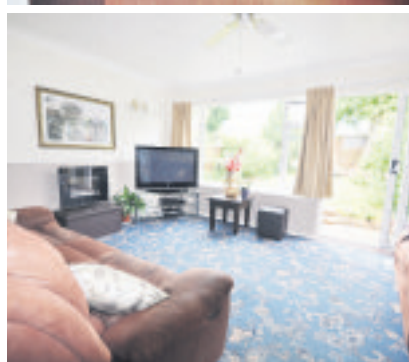
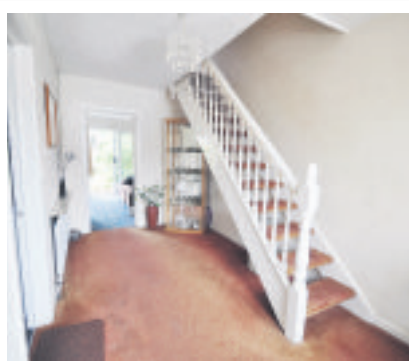
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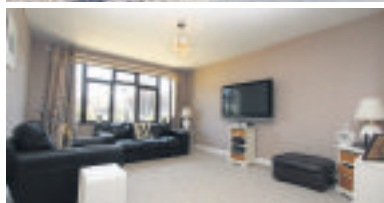
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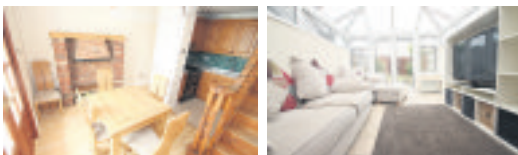
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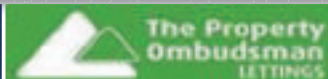
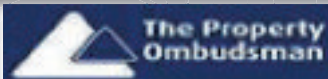
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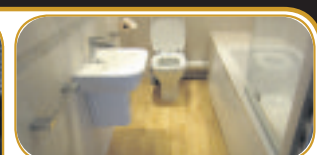
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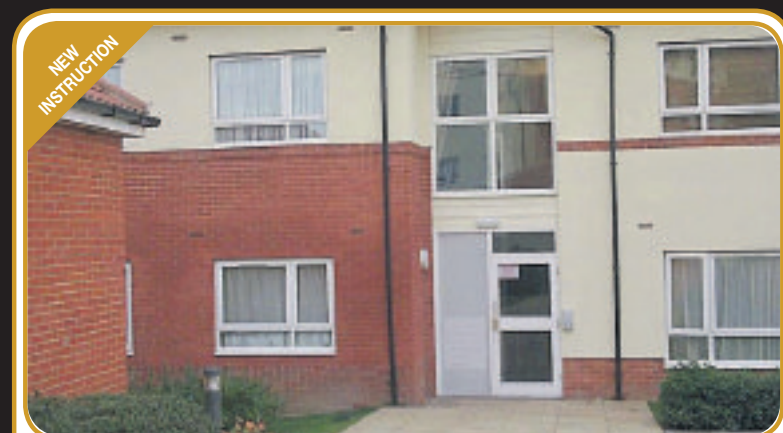
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Stunning four bedroom house, Westleigh Schools Catchment area £560,000

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Superb south backing plot, Leigh-on-sea £469,995

We have pleasure in offering for sale this large detached three double bedroom family home. The property occupies an impressive 40' x 160' SOUTH BACKING plot with an impressive 40' x 90' SOUTH FACING REAR GARDEN. En suite shower room to master bedroom, stunning 28'1 x 21'11 open plan lounge, dining room and kitchen, superb lounge with vaulted ceiling, 14' x 13' dining area, new fitted kitchen, luxury ground floor bathroom, KEYS AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING. Ref et15389



Probate Sale, Leigh £255,000

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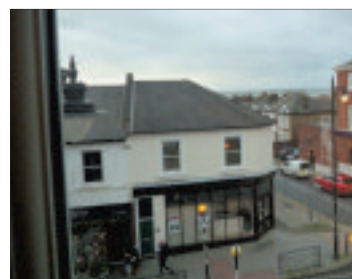
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Don't put your sale on hold over the holidays, says Connells

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Connor Teanby, Senior Negotiator in Charge of Connells in Rayleigh has no doubts. "The local property market is extremely active at the moment, with most homes selling quickly and achieving excellent prices. However, there is still a significant imbalance between the number of people looking to buy and properties for sale, so we don't expect to see a slowdown in activity over the summer. Provided your estate agent is fully aware of your holiday plans, knows how to contact you and can gain access to your property, then I would certainly advise sellers to keep their property on the market."

The local branch is advising home sellers to follow just a few simple guidelines if they have plans to go away this summer:

- Notify your estate agent of your holiday dates well in advance
- Give your agent a set of house keys and talk through security, access and viewing arrangements whilst you are away
- Ask your travel agent for a contact number at your holiday destination or check that your mobile will work abroad and you will have reception
- Pass on these numbers to your estate agent, along with the times you will be available to take a call.
- Even if you can't be contacted you can still leave specific instructions in writing with your estate agent and legal representatives about what offer may be acceptable.

"Whether you are going away or not, there's no reason to delay your sale until after the summer – your ideal buyer might be out there at this very moment," concludes Connor.

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Sea change for Jaguar Land Rover fleet

By Alistair Coull

PINNING its hopes on the fleet market for another bumper year looks like it is paying off for Jaguar Land Rover.

UK managing director Jeremy Hicks is looking forward to another record breaking year and reckons the company's main growth will come in the fleet market.

Fleet sales grew by 84 per cent in the first three months of 2016 compared to the first quarter in 2015, as the XE, XF, Evoque and Discovery Sport models all posted rapid fleet sales growth – evidence of Jaguar Land Rover's commitment to ensure 25 per cent of its global sales will be to fleet and business customers by 2020.

With the introduction of business-friendly models, including the XE and XF with CO2 from as low as 99g/km, Jaguar UK saw fleet sales grow by 194 per cent from Q1 2015 to Q1 2016.

Land Rover UK's performance so far this year was so strong that one-in-three fleet cars sold in sectors the brand competes in was a Land Rover.

Mr Hicks said: "Our fleet and business results for 2015 are fantastic and prove we have an effective formula in place; we have desirable and sector appropriate cars, efficient Ingenium engines and class-leading total cost of ownership – together, these factors deliver a compelling proposition for fleet managers to add Jaguar Land Rover



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Range Rover Evoque

to their fleet lists. With this formula in mind, and with an ever-expanding range of stunning Jaguar and Land Rover vehicles on the horizon, I'm confident that there's plenty more fleet growth to come."

All of Jaguar Land Rover's key fleet models – the XE, XF Evoque and Discovery Sport – grew their share of the fleet sector more than any of their rivals when comparing the whole of 2015.

Both the XE and XF increased the shares of their fleet sectors more than competitor models. Likewise, where the Range Rover Evoque and Discovery Sport grew their share of the fleet sector, rival models saw their share shrink.

The Range Rover Evoque is the star performer in 2016 so far, outselling all of its

premium rivals with 18.3 per cent of fleet sales. The sales for 2016 are on track to be the best yet, with a full-year of Ingenium-powered XE and XF sales, and the arrival of Evoque Convertible and F-PACE. Already the best-selling Jaguar ever, one-in-six F-PACE sales is predicted to go to the fleet sector.

Jon Wackett, Jaguar Land Rover's general manager for feet and business, said: "We've really disrupted a market that has been traditionally dominated by three or four brands by introducing extremely desirable cars that represent real-world value for money."

At the heart of Jaguar Land Rover UK's fleet and business sales successes this year are the technologies that underpin the

range, according to Mr Wackett.

With more than 500,000 cars built at its UK plants in Liverpool, Solihull and Birmingham, JLR was the UK's largest car manufacturer last year. Global sales of 487,065 (100,794 in the UK) were a record, the sixth year of consecutive growth and double the number sold in 2009.

In 2013, fleet sales accounted for 37 per cent of JLR's output. Last year it was 44 per cent which Mr Wackett said was proof that JLR has the ability to grow fleet volume as the vehicle range grows.

Jaguar fleet sales grew by 49 per cent to 6,562 vehicles last year while Land Rover grew 67 per cent to 14,472 vehicles – an overall growth of 50 per cent to 21,034 vehicles.

The cost of ownership of JLR fleet sales compares well against Mercedes, Audi and BMW rivals. A Jaguar XE 2.0d Prestige manual will cost £35,763 to own over three years/60,000 miles, some £2,000 less than an equivalent Mercedes C220d Executive or an Audi A4 2.0 TDI SE saloon. Similarly, an F-PACE 2.0d AWD Prestige manual will cost £39,122 over the same period and distance, similar to the Audi Q5 2.0 TDI AWD SE manual but more than £3,000 less than a BMW X4 xDrive 2.0 SE manual.

Discovery Sport shows similar savings over its Audi and BMW rivals while the Evoque 2.0 TD4 AWD SE is some £2,000 cheaper to run than an Audi Q5 2.0 TDI SE AWD over three years.

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ESSEX SUFFER T20 BLAST

Cricket

Brian Jeeves reporting from the Essex County Ground Middlesex 173/8 (20 overs) Essex 156/8 (20 overs)

Middlesex won by 17 runs
ESSEX Eagles' frustrating start to their NatWest T20 Blast South Group campaign continued as Middlesex recorded a 17-run victory at Chelmsford.

After winning the toss the Middlesex decision to bat initially appeared to be a good one as David Malan and Brendon McCullum swiftly put together an opening stand of 33 from the opening three overs. New Zealander McCullum was the first to depart the scene, caught by Callum Taylor off the bowling of Graham Napier for 16.

However, for now, the visitors showed little sign of any let-up, moving along to 79, before Paul Stirling was emphatically bowled by Wahab Riaz after hitting a quickfire 30, including two fours and three huge sixes.

Stirling's dismissal appeared to spark the hosts who put a stranglehold on the Middlesex charge. Malan was snared in the hands of Jesse Ryder for 34, giving Dan Lawrence his first wicket of the evening. And soon after James Fuller followed, caught by Napier, Lawrence once again the beneficiary, with Middlesex now floundering on

100/4. Ryan Higgins paid for his indecision and was run out by Taylor for three, while John Simpson (1) followed, Bopara displaying safe hands, this time Matthew Quinn the man with the ball.

Eoin Morgan showed some form of resistance for Middlesex, top scoring with a steady, but sure 59, but those around him continued to fall cheaply.

James Franklin was bowled by Napier for 10, while Mitchell McClenaghan (4) followed when Napier removed his off-stump leaving the visitors struggling.

However, Napier took some punishment off the final over, going for 23 as Middlesex posted 173/8. Nevertheless, the Essex man still finished with figures of 3/40.

Lawrence was dropped by skipper Malan in Essex's second over as Middlesex missed an opportunity for an early breakthrough. But the hosts' response gained little further momentum before Ryder was caught on the boundary by Higgins off Tom Helm for 12. Tom Westley followed, recklessly hitting McClenaghan to McCullum for four, leaving Essex on 39/2.

Ravi Bopara was run out for three by the quick-thinking Franklin as Essex's woes continued and though Dan Lawrence

showed some initiative with the bat, the Essex rate continued to fall.

When Lawrence fell into the gloves of Simpson off Sowter's delivery for 29, they found themselves 29 runs further adrift than Middlesex were at the same stage on 62/4 from 9.2 overs.

Ashar Zaidi and Ryan ten Doeschate tried to inject some life into an otherwise spluttery innings.

But the former's dismissal, stumped by Simpson off Stirling for 27, left Essex with a mountain to climb.

Taylor became the sixth Essex wicket to fall, caught by McClenaghan off his own delivery for 14, and when James Foster followed into the hands of Stirling off McClenaghan without scoring, the writing was already well and truly on the wall.

Napier became the second Essex batsman to go without troubling the scorer, caught by Fuller off McClenaghan. And though Dutch all-rounder ten Doeschate refused to throw in the towel, his 58* was never going to be anywhere near enough.

Speaking after the match Essex's Ashar Zaidi stated: "We are doing most of the things right but we are falling at the last hurdle. Hopefully we can bounce back in the next couple



FALLING: Ashar Zaidi of games."

This was Essex's third defeat from four T20 Blast South Group Matches.

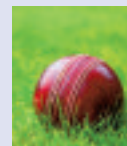
They are next in T20 action on Thursday, June 16, when Gloucestershire are the visitors to the Essex County Ground, Chelmsford (7pm).

Essex Eagles: JD Ryder, DW Lawrence, T Westley, RS Bopara*, RN ten Doeschate, Ashar Zaidi, JN Foster†, CJ Taylor, GR Napier, Wahab Riaz, MR Quinn
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Non-league round-up

Daggers sign four more new names to squad

By Brian Jeeves

NATIONAL League Dagenham & Redbridge have bolstered their squad with the addition of Craig Robson, Leo Donnellan, Curtley Williams and Josh Staunton, bringing their total of summer signings to 10.

Defender Robson joins the Victoria Road club on a two-year deal from Bognor Regis Town, becoming manager John Still's ninth summer signing. Previously he had enjoyed spells with Western Australian outfit Sorrento FC as well as Havant & Waterlooville.

Republic of Ireland under-18s international Donnellan joins on a one-year deal from Championship club Queen's Park Rangers, with the option of a further year.

Williams, 26, arrives from Still's former club Luton Town on a similar deal. He had spells with Chelmsford City and Lowestoft Town after starting out as a youngster with Ipswich Town.

Defender Staunton has a one-year deal with the option of another following his release from Charlton Athletic.

National League South Concord Rangers have announced their pre-season programme, with attractive fixtures against Millwall and Southend United in the line-up.

The Beach Boys host the Lions on Tuesday, July 12 (7.45pm), while the Shrimpers visit the Aspect Arena a week later (7.45pm).

Adam Flanagan's men also face a home clash with Braintree Town on Tuesday, July 26 (7.45pm).

Rangers take to the road on Saturday, July 16, when they travel to Folkestone Invicta, and are back in Kent a week later to play Maidstone United. Concord wrap up their preparations with an eye-catching local derby with adversaries Canvey Island at Park Lane on Saturday, July 30 (3pm).

Meanwhile the Beach Boys have announced the signing of midfielder Dean Mason from Lowestoft Town, while pacey Maidstone United frontman Alex Akrofi arrives at the Aspect Arena on a loan deal.

National League South Chelmsford City have confirmed the signing of defender Ashley Miller from Bishop's Cleeve.

The 26-year-old links up with the Clarets following an impressive spell at Woodside Park where he became a favourite under the management of current Chelmsford boss Rod Stringer.

Ryman Premier Division Grays Athletic have moved quickly to snap up the services of former Chelmsford City winger Sam Baffour.

Baffour becomes new manager Jamie Stuart's first signing. He previously enjoyed spells with Waltham Abbey, Romford, Ashford Town (Middlesex) and most recently National League South club Hayes & Yeading.

Ryman League Division One North Thurrock will have to do without the services of captain Lewwis Spence, who has parted company with the club to link up with Greenwich Borough.

Essex Senior leaguers Sporting Bengal United have appointment Imrul Gazi as their new manager ahead of the new season.

Gazi, a former Sporting player had been in charge of the club's youth academy since it started four years ago.

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Bannister keeps championship top spot

Motorsport

BASILDON racing driver Luke Bannister held on to the lead of the BRSCC Fiesta Championship after two podium finishes at Snetterton at the weekend.

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After intense battles with his rivals Bannister eventually finished in second place. In the following race, a first lap incident forced him to take avoiding action and lose places, but he managed to recover and make up ground.

Running in third position and closing in on second, time was against him as the chequered flag fell for another podium finish.

Bannister said he was pleased with the weekend despite not securing a win.

He said: "The racing was so close this weekend which was fantastic. Of course a win would have been great, but to be still leading the championship midway through the season in my debut year is incredible.

"Consistency has been the key so far this year, so I need to concentrate on keeping that up."

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PODIUM: Luke Bannister at the wheel



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